

STATE GENERAL PURPOSE RECIPIENT COMMITTEES
(Excluding Political Parties)

Questions and Answers

Q: A state general purpose committee makes an independent expenditure of \$20,000 to support a city candidate on a March 6, 2007 ballot. When and where does the committee file Form 465?

A: The committee must file the Supplemental Independent Expenditure Form (Form 465) on or before January 25, 2007. The form must be filed in the city.

Q: If the Governor calls a special election for 2007, will a general purpose committee's filing obligations be affected?

A: Yes. A general purpose committee that makes contributions or independent expenditures in connection with a state special election may have additional reports to file depending upon the amount and date of the payments. A filing schedule for the election will be posted on the FPPC website.

Q: A general purpose committee will make a \$2,000 contribution to a local ballot measure committee. Does the committee report the contribution on its semi-annual statement or does this contribution trigger a supplemental pre-election report?

A: The committee would report the \$2,000 contribution on its semi-annual statement. If the contribution is made during the 16 days prior to the election, a late contribution report must be filed. Contributions must total \$10,000 or more in connection with a 2007 local election before a supplemental report (Form 495) is required.

Q: Must a committee file the odd-year report due April 30 if the only contribution made between January 1 and March 31 is a contribution of \$3,000 to a state senator to pay debt from her 2006 election?

A: No. The committee must make contributions totaling \$10,000 or more to state officeholders to trigger this statement.

Q: Must a committee file the odd-year report if the committee's only contributions are to a political party committee?

A: No.

Q: Must a committee file the odd-year report if the committee has made contributions of \$10,000 or more to a ballot measure committee controlled by an elected state officer?

A: Yes. All contributions to state officeholders, their controlled committees, and to committees primarily formed to support or oppose elected state officeholders are counted

toward the \$10,000 threshold. This includes contributions to legal defense committees, state officeholder committees, and local committees that are controlled by elected state officeholders.

Q: Must a committee file the odd-year report if the committee made a contribution of \$5,000 to one state officeholder and a contribution of \$6,000 to another state officeholder during the first quarter of 2007?

A: Yes. The report is triggered if \$10,000 or more is contributed during the applicable period.